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**PORTSMOUTH MAN SENTENCED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, today announced that Brian Razin, age 19, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was sentenced in U. S. District Court.

Razin was sentenced to a 12 month prison term followed by a 2 year period of supervised release for possessing and passing counterfeit ten dollar bills at various Portsmouth businesses. Razin manufactured the counterfeit bills while a student at the York, Maine High School. The sentence was the result of an investigation conducted by the United States Secret Service and the Portsmouth, New Hampshire Police Department.

United States Attorney Colantuono praised the investigation, stating, "The United States Secret Service has worked diligently with law enforcement in the State of New Hampshire to ensure that financial fraud perpetrated on businesses, such as fraud involving the passing of counterfeit obligations, is investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terry L. Ollila